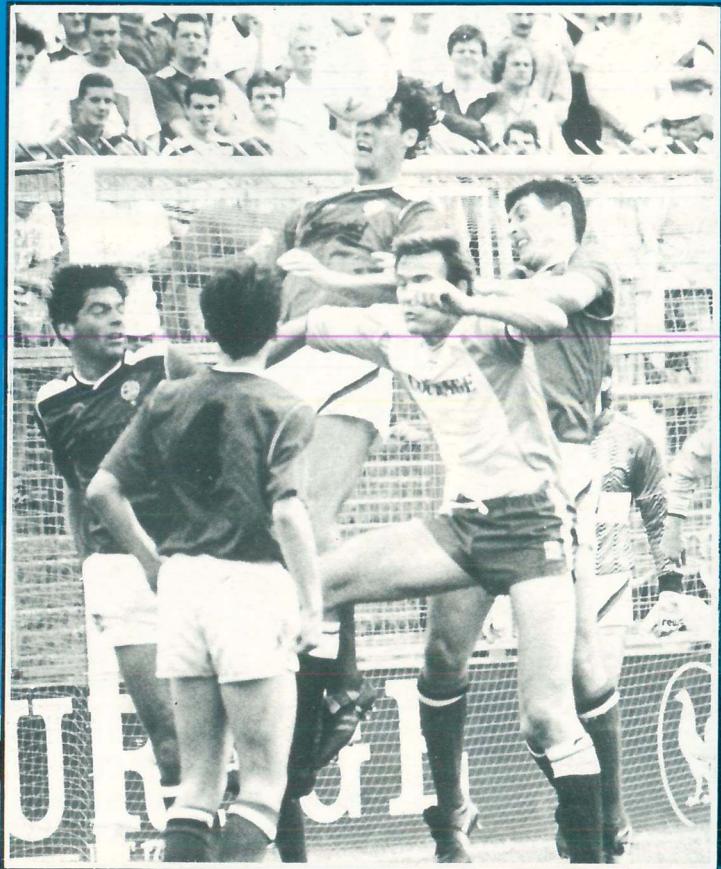




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# Notes from the boss.....

In welcoming Dave Bassett and his Sheffield United troops this afternoon we are looking at another of the clubs in Division Three, like ourselves, who have strong traditions of having played at the higher levels in the Football League. And from results so far it seems Dave is producing the drive to help the Yorkshire club get back into the higher grades.

Sheffield United have shown already that they are a team determined to attack and determined to score goals, so today's match will be an interesting test for us. We are certain to have our resolve tested to the limits.

Like Dave, I want my teams to play attacking football but, in addition, I have often said that if we can keep a good number of clean sheets we will have a sound basis for a successful side. So I'll be looking to achieve one

of those clean sheets this afternoon.

We go into the game, of course, well satisfied with our latest display - at Aldershot last Saturday. We have been looking to achieve better results away from home and the 3-0 win was a very satisfying performance.

I intend to serve up more of the same. Like Sheffield, we like to attack and we have been scoring quite a few goals. We are going for wins wherever we play - home or away. We got our reward at Aldershot and with that same sort of attitude we will enjoy more of the same, I'm sure.

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# Burnden Visitors

## SHEFFIELD UNITED

Today we welcome League leaders Sheffield United who are nearly averaging four league goals per game, having scored twenty two goals in only six games. With only one league defeat so far 'The Blades' have given out hammerings to Bristol Rovers, Chester, Northampton and last Saturday's opponents Brentford.

Manager Dave Bassett, the popular Cockney has transformed United since the disappointment of relegation last May and already Sheffield are being tipped for a quick return to Division Two. Last season saw them finish 21st and relegation was assured when Bristol City beat them in the play-offs. When Mr. Bassett took over last February the fight was already on to avoid relegation and despite fine victories against Barnsley and Ipswich it was not to be.

This season the team has been strengthened with signings of goalkeeper Graham Benstead, strikers Brian Deane and Tony Agana, utility player Martin Dickinson and forward Francis Joseph.

### PEN PICTURES

**TONY AGANA** (Striker): A Londoner by birth, Tony played for Welling United and Weymouth before joining Watford in 1987. Originally a winger, he was converted into a central striker. He joined Sheffield United in February 1988, immediately won a place in the first team and scored the winning goal on his debut.

**GRAHAM BENSTEAD** (Goalkeeper): Born in 1963, Graham's career as a professional footballer began at Queens Park Rangers in 1981. Prior to that, he had played for the England Youth Team. He remained with Rangers for four seasons, before moving on to Norwich City in 1984. He made 20 First Division appearances for the Canaries and also 20 First

Team appearances for Colchester United during a loan period. After a period on loan, he signed for Sheffield United in July, 1988.

**BRIAN DEANE** (Striker): Born in Leeds in 1968., Brian - standing 6' 3" and weighing 12 stone 7 lb. - joined Doncaster Rovers in 1985/86. In two seasons with the club, he made 66 first team appearances, scoring 12 goals. After impressing Dave Bassett last season, he signed for Sheffield United in July, 1988.

**MARTIN PIKE** (Defender): A north-easterner, Martin was born in South Shields in 1964. He played 126 League games for Peterborough United before being signed by Sheffield United in the summer of 1986. A stylish left full back, he has comfortably held his place in United's first team since his arrival, was the club's only ever present player in the 1986/87 season, and missed only a few games through injury in 1987/88.

**ALAN ROBERTS** (Midfield): A Geordie, born in Newcastle in 1964, Alan joined Middlesbrough as an apprentice in 1981, turned professional, and remained with the club until 1985, making 38 League appearances. He moved on to Darlington, holding a regular first-team place and making more than 100 appearances. A 5' 9", 10 stone 7 lb. right-sided midfielder, he joined Sheffield United in July, 1988.

**BRIAN SMITH** (Central Defender): A Sheffielder, born there in 1966, Brian joined Sheffield United as an apprentice and made his League debut in November 1984. Last season, he claimed a regular first team place at the centre of United's defence, where his outstanding pace was a valuable asset. He is held in high esteem by the supporters, who voted him "Young Player of the Season".

**PAUL STANCLIFFE** (Central Defender): Born in Sheffield in 1958, Paul is a vastly experi-

# Burnden Visitors

enced defender with nearly 450 League outings to his credit. He was apprenticed to Roth-erham United, where he graduated to first team duty at the start of the 1975/76 season. He held a regular place for seven seasons before moving to Sheffield United in 1983. One of the Blades' most consistent players, he has held his first team place throughout his five seasons with the club.

**MARK TODD** (Midfield): Born in Belfast in 1967, Mark began his career with Manchester United. He is one of the smallest professional footballers, being only 5' 7" tall and weighing 10 stone. He joined Sheffield United in the summer of 1987. He has already won an Irish Under-18 cap and was selected to train with the Under-23 squad. After spending most of last season in the reserves, he won a first team place as a constructive midfielder.

**SIMON WEBSTER** (Central Defender or Midfield): Simon started his career with Tot-tenham Hotspur. He spent part of the 1983/84

season on loan to Exeter City and part of the 1984/85 season with Norwich City before being transferred to Huddersfield Town, for whom, over the next 3 1/2 seasons, he made 118 first team appearances. He joined Sheffield United in March, 1988.

**CHRIS WILDER** (Defender): Although born in Sheffield in 1967, Chris began his football career with Southampton but he joined Shef-field United in the summer of 1986 on a free transfer after an impressive trial period. He made his first team debut in an FA Cup tie in January 1987 and has been in the senior squad ever since. Despite his youth, he is very cool under pressure and shows signs of developing into a very stylish full back.

**IAN BRYSON**: A Scotsman, born in Kilmarnock on 26th November, 1962, Ian spent eight years with Kilmarnock in the Scottish League. An attacking midfielder, he has scored goals regularly over the years. He joined Sheffield United in August, 1988.



*Back Row: Andy Barnsley, Cliff Powell, Simon Webster, Paul Williams, Andy Leaning, Brian Dean, Darren Carr, Paul Sutcliffe, Tony Agana.  
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# MATCH REPORT



## SPOTLIGHT ON THREE

September 25th

What a week for Bolton's 21 year old, Ian Stevens. Drafted into the team to travel to Aldershot because star striker John Thomas was left behind nursing an injury; he responded with two goals with another youngster in Nicky Brookman adding a third for Bolton's first away win of the season. But the victory was down to a good all round team performance.

Dave Bassett's razor-sharp table toppers, Sheffield United, are in free scoring mood these days, this time sinking Brentford at Griffin Park, 4-1. Second placed Port Vale are developing into a formidable outfit and scored a good 1-0 victory at Bristol City to keep up their challenge. Old rivals Wolves, after losing their opening game of the season have since recovered well and went nap last week with a 5-2 victory at Swansea - with star striker Steve Bull grabbing two.

Ian Greaves' Mansfield employed a sweeper system at Gigg Lane and quick counter attacks proved successful with the experienced Cassells scoring the only goal of the game in the 70th minute of the other Lancashire teams, Preston stood firm at fancied Notts. County to earn a valuable point in a scoreless draw. Meanwhile Blackpool, who have been 'off colour' of late, traveled to Chesterfield and their 2-0 victory will have relieved boss Sam Ellis. Wigan faced Fulham at Craven Cottage and after going in front, eventually had to settle for the draw in a 1-1 scoreline.

## AROUND ONE AND TWO

In Division Two, Manchester City with their new look side, after starting the season spasmodically finally seem to be knitting together and their 2-1 away win at Barnsley will have relieved Mel Machin. Table toppers, Blackburn, entertained Birmingham at Ewood Park and an own goal in the first minute put the home side on the way to victory, eventually running up a 3-0 scoreline. Leicester - Watford looked an intriguing fixture and so it was, finishing all square at 2-2. Oldham meanwhile tossed away a two goal advantage against Hull to finish at 2-2.

In Division One table topping Norwich dropped home points to newcomers Millwall, who replied after trailing twice to end at 2-2. Mark Hughes scored his first league goal since returning to Man. Utd. and helped them to a 2-0 home win over West Ham. Meanwhile a disappointed Everton slumped at Goodison where Littlewoods Cup winners Luton won 2-0. Liverpool meanwhile put the skids under Southampton at the Dell running out 3-1 winners. 'Pool now look in their more familiar league position. The Littlewoods Cup 2nd Round was staged in mid-week and Blackpool produced one of the 1st leg shocks, beating Sheff. Wed. 2-0 at Bloomfield Road. Today's visitors will go to their 2nd leg at Newcastle in confident mood after defeating the First Division side 3-0 at Bramhall Lane. Almost 18,000 packed into the Sheffield ground to witness the rout. Pity only 1,600 turned up at Darlington to see their night of glory in defeating Second Division, Oldham.



# BEHIND THE SCENES



## MARK CAME PROGRESS REPORT

Mark had an operation on his right leg at the Beaumont Hospital on 22nd September by Mr. Banks. This involved re-aligning the fracture site and placing an external fixation device to stabilize the injury. This has the advantages of a better alignment of the fracture and enables his knee and ankle to be exercised since there is no need for a plaster of paris.

Mark is now recovering at home and will soon be attending the club for rehabilitation.

Physio, Phil Stock, was in attendance at Mark's operation and further progress reports will feature in future programmes. It goes without saying that all supporters are with Mark at this time and all wish him a speedy recovery.

Bolton Wanderers Football Club wish to express their sincere condolences to the relatives of Dick Pym who died on Tuesday last in a Devon hospital. He was 96.

Dick Pym was notorious for appearing in the 1923 'White Horse' Final at Wembley when Bolton defeated West Ham 2-0.



*Mascot for the day against Bristol Rovers was young Jordan Felgate who is seen running with Dad onto the Burnden pitch.*

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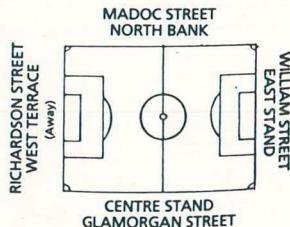
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The Travel Club are taking bookings for next Tuesday nights fixture at Swansea. The Executive Coach leaves Burnden at 2.30 p.m. and the price is £12.00.

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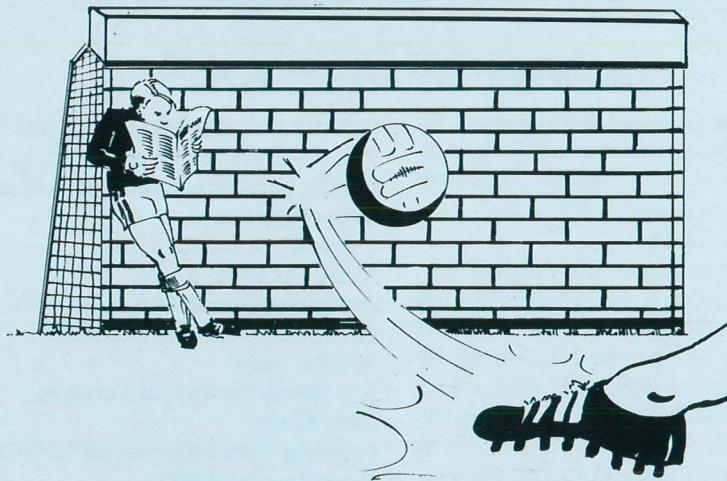
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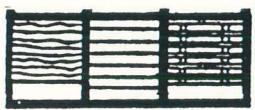
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# **DAY GONE BY**

**5 YEARS AGO:** Bolton's eager youngsters and Burnley's experienced campaigners provided Burnden with 90 minutes of non stop action, the only ingredient missing being a goal. The Wanderers came nearest to breaking the deadlock, twice thumping shots against the wood-work.

The Wanderers went down 2-1 at Bristol Rovers but almost saved the game after being outplayed for long periods. A late goal from Simon Rudge brought Bolton back into the game and in the dying seconds a Tony Caldwell header grazed the bar.

**10 YEARS AGO:** Bolton were sunk 3-0 at league leaders Liverpool with all of their goals coming from Jimmy Case who netted his first league hat trick.

The Wanderers crashed out of the League Cup at the third round stage in a shock 2-1 defeat at Exeter City. The winner came from a 62nd minute penalty converted by Tony Kellow but six minutes later their fightback was hampered when Neil Whatmore was sent off for dissent.

**15 YEARS AGO:** A 78th minute goal from John Byrom defeated Nottingham Forest at Burnden after their keeper Jim Barron had pulled off a superb save from a first half Stuart Lee penalty.

Despite having Mike Barry sent off in the 23rd minute ten man Carlisle United defeated the Wanderers at Brunton Park thanks to a Bobby Owen goal.

**100 YEARS AGO:** The Wanderers recorded their first ever league win when Everton were defeated 6-2 at Pikes Lane. As in their previous two home games Bolton had held a half time advantage but this time there was no slip up.

Bolton visited Burnley for the first league game to be played at Turf Moor and it was the home side who ran out winners by 4-1 to record an early season double over the Wanderers.

On the same day the first team were losing at Burnley the reserves were sent to Hurst in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup. The result was a 0-0 draw but the Wanderers went through as the Manchester side had scratched before the game without telling any of their players.

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1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

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# RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

**7th September, 1988.**

**Bolton Wanderers Res. . . 1**  
**Oldham Athletic Res. . . . 4**

The reserves went down to a much more experienced side after fighting back from going behind to a tremendous shot from Tony Philiskirk.

Ian Callaghan twice burst through the Athletic defence firstly missing his chance and secondly being brought down by the keeper that enabled Jeff Chandler to shoot home from the penalty spot.

The second half however belonged to Oldham with Glenn Keeley playing his final game for them before his speedy transfer to the Wanderers.

Team: Gray, Hughes, O'Brien, Callaghan, Jackson, Brown, McKearney, Still, Morgan, McGorry, Chandler. Subs-  
Spooner and Jeffrey.

**10th September, 1988.**

**FA YOUTH CUP**  
**QUALIFYING ROUND**  
**Marine 0 . . . 3 Bolton Wanderers**

The Wanderers youth team got over the initial hurdle in the Country's premier youth competition with a sound result if not a particularly inspiring performance at Marine.

Nicky Spooner opened the scoring in the 8th minute when he side footed home after a move down the left involving Mike Jeffrey and Shane Williams.

It was Jeffrey who put the Wanderers two up with a clever shot on the turn and as Bolton continued to pile on the pressure he saw a volley strike the cross bar.

Nicky Spooner wrapped up the tie in the 74th minute with a simple tap in after Cullishaw in the Marine goal had been forced into his only handling mistake of the game.

Team: Sharrocks, Roberts, Oliver, Fisher, Jackson, Halligan, Spooner, Still, Jeffrey, Hughes, Williams. Subs-  
Mason and Stubbs.



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Since our last home game, striker Steve Elliott has joined Bury in a £16,000 deal and let's wish him well in his spell with the Shakers, as he joins up with former Wanderer Simon Farnworth. It's good to see Trevor Morgan back in first team action and after last weekend's impressive performance it's looking like Trevor is hitting form at the right time. Glen Keeley is settling in well and forming a good understanding with the highly promising Mark Winstanley.

Coming round to this afternoon's game,

with our visitors from Sheffield in what promises to be a top of the table cracker, with the Yorkshires finding the back of the net more than any of the other 91 league clubs, today hopefully we will put a stop to their goalscoring feats and add to our own average of two per game. There could well be a gate of over 10,000 this afternoon with a very large following from over the Pennines. It's certainly looking an exciting Division this season with Port Vale and Wolves showing good early form. We play both these teams later in the month so it's going to be a testing time, but I know the lads fear nobody so we could be in for quite a month.

On closing this week, it's interesting to see that three of the relegated teams in their respective divisions - Watford, Sheffield United and Rotherham - are all topping their divisions, while promoted Brighton have still to collect a point. When Jimmy Greaves said it was a funny old game, he wasn't joking.

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## RECOLLECTIONS

We welcome long standing opponents in Sheffield United to Burnden Park today with the Wanderers keen to keep up their impressive home record against the Blades.

On their last thirty visits to Burnden they have managed to record only two victories, by 3-2 in December 1947 thus completing a Christmas double, and by 2-1 in April 1977, a result that damped Bolton's promotion hopes.

United also won the points on their very first league visit to Bolton when, in October 1893, a 1-0 win at Pikes Lane put them on top of the league in their first season in the competition. This was some consolation to them as three years previous they had been trounced 13-0 on the same ground in a second round FA Cup tie. This result still stands as the Wanderers record win in a major competition although Wigan were once beaten 14-0 in a Lancashire Cup tie.

One of the most unusual incidents in games between the clubs took place at Burnden on Good Friday 1947. With 15 minutes remaining United led 2-1 and the Wanderers threw everything into attack in an effort to save the game.

Nat Lofthouse appeared to handle the ball in the United penalty area but the referee, Arthur Ellis, waved play on, only to see Jimmy Hagan, certain that foul had been committed, with the ball in his hands.

Jack Roberts converted the penalty kick, Don Howe having missed one earlier in the game, and three minutes later Lol Hamlett headed home Bolton's winner.

Whilst Bolton's record at Bramhall Lane is similar to that of United's at Burnden, four of the nine League victories recorded by the Wanderers on

that enclosure, have come in the last seven visits.

United's last visit to Burnden came in May 1984 when the Wanderers ended a run of four successive defeats by winning 3-1.

Jeff Chandler knocked home Simon Rudge's cross after only four minutes to put the Wanderers in front and in the 37th minute he grabbed his second by curling a shot from 18 yards out of Paul Tomlinson's reach from Brian Borrows free kick.

Tony Caldwell rattled home a 67th minute 25 yarder although United pulled one back immediately when Keith Edwards scored with a brave close range header.

This result let United hoping that Hull would slip up to give them the third promotion spot out of the Third Division which they duly did.

Our League record against United is as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	47	31	8	8	106	54
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Total	94	40	16	38	166	166



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# NATS DIARY

## A REVIEW OF NATS INTERNATIONAL CAREER

5th APRIL, 1952.

SCOTLAND 1 v ENGLAND 2

No. 5

England, unbeaten on Scottish soil in the championship since 1937, once more set their tradition foe by the heels in Glasgow to win by two goals to one and share the international title with Wales.

An immense gathering of 134,000 at Hampden had come demanding another Bannockburn and instead were granted a Flodden.

All the blend, the skill and the imagination belonged to England. The score does not tell of their true mastery upon a surface soaked by hours of rain and made for true artists in attack such as Broadis and Finney.

Whatever hopes Scotland possessed dissolved into a drift of dreams during the first 20 minutes of the struggle. This period brought a brilliantly taken goal for England from Pearson and brought two tragic misses for Scotland.

Having emerged unscathed from that dark prelude England strode out, masters in teamwork and artistry, to leave a disappointing Scottish side that lacked the inspiration of a Steel or a Waddell floundering and fortunate to escape a heavier sentence.

England took a sudden lead after eight minutes. Ground passes linked Wright, Loftus and Rowley. When Rowley's centre slashed across low at speed, ricoched off Redpath, Pearson moved forward to volley home a great rising shot on the half turn from 12 yards.

A minute before the change of ends

Pearson pounced onto a combined mistake between Woodburn and Redpath to put England two up with another shot just inside Brown's left and post.

For a quarter of an hour after the interval England all but ran riot. Only in finishing did they fail to exact the full penalty. Loftus and Finney (twice), should have scored, Rowley ended a dexterous move between Broadis and Finney by nearly uprooting the Scottish goalposts, but Scotland with Scouler tireless held on.

At last, with 15 minutes remaining, Scotland hit back when McMillans persistence against a hesitant Ramsey let Reilly into narrow the gap with a cross shot past Merrick - the first goal against England at Hampden in the championship since the War.

Now, at last, came the Hampden roar but England unperturbed by two corners in the last minute were home and rightly against a foe who was but a paled reflection of its former glory.

### Teams:

England: Merrick (Birmingham), Ramsey (Spurs), Garrett (Blackpool), Wright (Wolves)(Capt.), Frogatt (Portsmouth), Dickinson (Portsmouth), Finney (Preston), Broadis (Manchester City), Loftus (Bolton) Pearson (Man. Utd.) Rowley (Man. Utd.)

Scotland: Brown (Rangers), Young (Rangers)(Capt.), McNaught (Raith), Scouler (Portsmouth), Woodburn (Rangers), Redpath (Motherwell), Smith (Hibernian), Johnstone (Hibernian), Reilly (Hibernian), McMillan (Airdrie), Liddell (Liverpool).



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

## TOMMY NEILL

If you can recall the names of Barrass, Hanson, Holden, Langton, Lofthouse, or wheeler, then you are talking around the era of today's celebrity. Tommy made his Bolton debut in 1952 at Middlesbrough and remembers it well. He said quite simply, "It was my job to mark Wilf Mannion and I never got in a tackle. What a brilliant player."

He spent six seasons at Burnden - all in the First Division - and recalled every team being glittered with internationals and every game attracting big attendances. Recalling the times when teams such as Newcastle were visitors, Tommy said, "For such a match you could expect 30,000 to 40,00 spectators. We used to reckon a gate under 30,000 as being bad under any circumstances." Tommy Neill didn't score many goals from left half but recalled one that did go in against Newcastle. He said, "Douggie Holden mis-hit a corner and the ball was bobbling just outside the area. I took a swing and it went in and Scottish international Ronnie Simpson was the 'keeper."

Of his ideal players, Tommy rated Danny Blanchflower (Spurs) and Jimmy Dickinson (Portsmouth) very highly but he singled out another in Len Shackleton of Sunderland. 'Shack' of course was known as 'the Clown Prince' and Tom recalled one encounter up at Roker Park. He said, "Shack was quite an entertainer, much like the Rodney Marsh style. You just put him out there and he did his own thing. I remember us being under pressure from

a number of Shackleton's corner kicks. They had three or four on the trot and his kicks were causing havoc in our defence, in swingers to the near post, then the far post and so precision placed."

Tommy Neill had particular word for Sheffield United's once golden boy, Jimmy Hagan as being an 'outstanding performer'. He continued, "Bramhall Lane used to have a cricket pitch alongside in those days and if you kicked the ball out of play on that side, it would go for miles. Sheffield were also a good First Division side."

Upon leaving Burnden, Tommy moved to neighbours Bury for four seasons and then to Tranmere for a further three before ending his career at non-league Wigan where former Bolton full back Johnny Ball was manager. Tommy Neill had spent 14 seasons in the game and confessed that when you get to 35 "you're thinking of finishing anyway." He worked in insurance for two years before moving into a Farnworth Post Office and nowadays Tommy can be found at Astley Bridge Post Office. "I don't see much football now, but I still follow the game and it's much quicker today, but maybe not as attractive to watch. Probably Liverpool are the 'different' team today. They like to use the width of the pitch."

Tommy is a keen golfer, and once won the P.F.A. Championship against the likes of Bob Stoker, Danny Blanchflower and Tom Finney.

# Personality Profile.

## JOHN THOMAS

Todays Profile, John Thomas, was of course last seasons leading goalscorer with 28 goals, his record in total - around 131 goals in just 280 games - is quite an achievement. John was born in the Midlands and didn't make the school team in secondary school until his final year where surprisingly he played left back. He left school and trained to be a carpenter and weekends were kept free to watch West Brom, and playing for a Sunday pub team 'The Croft'. John started playing semi-pro football on Saturday afternoons after a short while, and it was in one of these matches that he was spotted by a scout from Everton and went down for a trial to Goodison. John recalls his first match for the blues, "It was for the B Team, and we won 4-0. Included in that team were Kevin Ratcliffe, Steve McMahon, Brian Burrows, Paul Lodge and Joe McBride." John used to travel down from the Midlands on Friday nights to play at Everton on Saturdays until they offered him pro terms.

It was one of John's highlights of his career being offered a contract and he moved into digs with Kevin Ratcliffe and Mark Hanson (Welsh Youth Goalkeeper). At this time at Everton Colin Harvey was Reserve Team Coach and John holds him in high regard - "Yes, all the players respected him, he taught me a lot about hard work and dedication." The first season at Goodison was tainted by a series of niggling injuries and he was loaned out to Tranmere where he played 8 games scoring 2 goals; they tried to sign him permanently but he was too happy at Everton and stayed on for a second season. At Everton at this stage was Bob Latchford who was in dispute with the club and so doomed to the reserves, meaning John was loaned out again to Halifax. At the end of the season John received a 'free' and he was on his way to his first spell here at Bolton after being recommended to Stan Anderson by Brian Kidd. He made his debut against Blackburn and played in a total of 15 games scoring 5 goals. The following season at Bolton John received nasty injuries to his ankle and foot and got a free transfer.

Cliff Sear, the manager of Chester, soon snapped

John up and was rewarded with 24 goals in 55 appearances. Chester then cashed in on John and he was sold to Lincoln to join up with present team-mate Dave Felgate. He lived with Dave and his wife Lynn for nearly 3 months, and scored 18 goals in 31 games. He scored in a famous victory over Tottenham, enjoying the moment he beat England goalkeeper Ray Clemence. A move back to the North West with Preston was a relief to John who didn't really enjoy his stay at Lincoln. At Preston he played under Tommy Booth and Brian Kidd but had a bitter sweet season scoring 18 goals in 32 games, but unfortunately not being able to save North End from re-election. "Yes this was the low point in my career", says John. John McGrath then took over the reins at Deepdale and promotion was achieved the very next season. With J.T. scoring 28 in 46 games, John recalls that promotion season, "Yes, it was my first bit of success in football, it was great playing along side Franky Worthy, Sam Allardyce and Micky Bennett, all of them Bolton 'old boys'."

John was now out of contract and although Swansea, Wrexham and Wolves came in with offers, when Phil Neal made his move there was no contest, John was a Wanderer once again. 28 goals in a promotion season was a reminder that the goalscorer was still going strong and even a red card in that final promotion clinching win at Wrexham couldn't take the gloss off another fine season. This season John sees no reason why we can't continue the good progress already made and sees youngsters in the team like Mark Winstanley, Julian Darby and Ian Stevens continuing the fine roles they are already playing. Neil Fisher and Micky Jeffries have impressed him from Youth level with their attitude and ability.

John, who everybody knows is a modest chap, does a lot of work with the Junior Whites and on various presentations. But he has a last word for the fan who took his shirt on that memorable day at Wrexham - "I would like to have the shirt returned. I will of course exchange it for another one" - so come on you supporters.

# LEAGUE SCENE

## DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheff Utd	6	5	0	1	22	6	15
Port Vale	6	4	1	1	16	4	13
Wolves	6	4	1	1	12	6	13
Mansfield	6	3	0	3	8	4	12
Bolton	6	3	2	1	12	6	11
Chester	6	3	2	1	12	11	11
Fulham	6	3	1	2	8	8	10
Northampton	6	3	1	2	7	7	10
Swansea	5	2	2	1	9	9	8
Bristol R's	6	2	2	2	10	12	8
Brentford	6	2	2	2	6	8	8
Gillingham	6	2	1	3	8	8	7
Reading	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
Huddersfield	6	2	1	3	6	9	7
Wigan	5	1	3	1	7	5	6
Bristol C	6	1	3	2	7	6	6
Blackpool	6	1	3	2	6	6	6
Notts County	6	1	3	2	2	4	6
Preston NE	6	1	3	2	6	9	6
Bury	5	1	2	2	4	4	5
Southend	6	1	2	3	4	9	5
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Chesterfield	6	1	0	5	2	18	3
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30	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	H	10	3,535

### SEPTEMBER

3	Cardiff City	H	4-0	4,831
6	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	A	1-3	3,784
10	Reading	A	1-1	4,660
17	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1	4,821
20	Fulham (Tues)	H	3-2	4,289
24	Aldershot	A	3-0	2,127

### OCTOBER

1	Sheffield	H		
4	Swansea City (Tues)	A		
8	Blackpool	H		
15	Port Vale	A		
22	Wolverhampton W.	H		
25	Wigan Ath. (Tues)	A		
29	Chesterfield	H		

### NOVEMBER

5	Bristol City	A		
8	Huddersfield T. (Tues)	A		
12	Bury	H		
19	(F.A. Cup 1st Round)			
26	Northampton T.	H		

### DECEMBER

3	Brentford	A		
10	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)			
17	Chester City	H		
26	Preston N.E. (Mon)	A		
31	Notts County	A		

### JANUARY 1989

2	Mansfield T. (Mon)	H		
7	Gillingham (F.A.3)	H		
14	Cardiff City	A		
21	Reading	H		
28	Bristol Rovers (F.A.4)	A		

### FEBRUARY

4	Sheffield Utd.	A		
11	Swansea City	A		
18	Blackpool (F.A.5)	A		
25	Port Vale	H		
28	Wigan Ath. (Tues.)	H		

### MARCH

4	Wolverhampton W.	A		
11	Bristol City	H		
14	Chesterfield (Tues)	H		
19	Southend (F.A.6)	H		
25	Mansfield T.	A		
27	Preston N.E. (Mon)	H		

### APRIL

1	Chester City	A		
4	Gillingham (Tues)	A		
8	Notts County	H		
15	Fulham (FA.SF)	A		
18	Northampton (Tues)	A		
22	Aldershot	H		
29	Bury	A		

### MAY

1	Huddersfield (Mon)	H		
6	Brentford	H		
20	F.A. Cup Final			

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#### A. Seville (Birmingham)

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